



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE UPDATE

UPDATE ON SEWER MAIN REPAIR ACTIVITIES IN FORT LAUDERDALE

December 26, 6:30 p.m.

Following is an update on sewer main repair activities on a 54-inch line on SE 10 Street along the north side of Virginia Young Park in Rio Vista and a 48-inch line in the Himmarshee Canal in Beverly Heights. In addition, below are updates on ongoing cleanup and remediation efforts in the Hector Park area along Ponce de Leon Drive in Rio Vista.

Operations at Virginia Young Park

- The bypass line continues to function properly with all sewage flow fully contained within the system.
- Staff continues to monitor pressure and flow in the bypass line and wastewater collection system.
- Excavation work continued around the damaged section of pipe. The contractor is examining the extent of the break in order to move forward with removal and replacement of the pipe.
- Piping, hoses, pumps, and other equipment continued to be removed from Virginia Young Park.
- Crews from Cliff Berry, Inc. (CBI) continued remediation activities today including cleaning and pressure washing streets, sidewalks, and driveways in the affected area.
- Stormwater staff continued to conduct cleaning and maintenance activities on catch basins and storm drains in the affected area. In the event of heavy rain, vacuums trucks and resources are ready to be deployed to address any potential flooding issues.
- Virginia Young Park remains closed while repair activities are taking place.
- Neighbors are reminded that the area in and around Virginia Young Park is an active construction zone.
- For the safety of everyone, access to the construction zone is limited to appropriate operational and management personnel.

Garbage and Yard Waste Collection for Friday, December 27

- Garbage and yard waste collection will take place tomorrow, Friday, December 27, as regularly scheduled for properties in the affected area.
- Neighbors should place their black garbage carts and green yard waste carts where they are easily visible, as close to the roadway as possible, but without blocking traffic. Carts must be placed out by 7:00 a.m.
- Neighbors in the affected area with questions about garbage or yard waste collection may call the City's 24-Hour Neighbor Call Center at 954-828-8000.

Operations in the Himmarshee Canal

- Crews continue to monitor the repaired pipe in the Himmarshee Canal in the vicinity of SE 2 Street and SE 9 Avenue.
- If the valve device and seal around the pipe remain stable, divers will apply special concrete around the pipe to permanently secure it in place.
- Three aerators continued to operate at points along the Himmarshee Canal to help improve water quality.

-Neighbors are reminded that the Himmarshee Canal from S. Federal Highway to the New River remains under a precautionary advisory for recreational water-related activities. Swimming, fishing, jet-skiing, paddle-boarding, kayaking, canoeing, or engaging in any water-related activities within the precautionary advisory area should be avoided.

-To view a map of the precautionary advisory area, please visit <http://bit.ly/35l0DuC>.

Cleanup and Remediation of Ponce de Leon Drive/Hector Park Area

-CBI continued to conduct cleanup, pressure washing, and deodorizing activities where needed on Ponce de Leon Drive and in the area around Hector Park.

-Stormwater staff inspected tidal valves and cleaned and cleared catch basins and storm drains in the affected area.

-Hector Park remains closed to the public.

-Equipment and materials continue to be removed from areas in and around Hector Park as part of the cleanup and demobilization effort.

Environmental Activities

-14 aerators will continue to operate 24/7 to help improve water quality in the Tarpon River, New River, and Himmarshee Canal. One aerator has been repositioned in the Tarpon River in the vicinity of Andrews Avenue.

-Boats will continue to patrol the canal system in and around Rio Vista and in the Himmarshee Canal conducting skimming and debris removal on the waterways.

-Crews from CBI are preparing to deploy air lancing activities that will take place in the Tarpon River to help break down the organic material that was discharged into the waterway.

Road Closures

-Roads in the immediate vicinity of Virginia Young Park are closed including a portion of SE 10 Street east of SE 9 Avenue, as well as a portion of South Rio Vista Boulevard east of SE 9 Avenue.

-SE 9 Avenue is closed from south of the intersection at SE 8 Street to Ponce de Leon Drive.

-There is no access east of SE 9 Avenue at the intersections of SE 9 Street, SE 10 Street, South Rio Vista Boulevard, and the north side of Ponce de Leon Drive.

-Local access for residents of the area will be maintained where needed during the duration of the closure.

-To view a map of the road closures, please visit <http://bit.ly/34W91Q6>.

Safety Tips

-Neighbors in the affected area are reminded to avoid contact with any standing water.

-If contact is made, please remember to follow proper hygiene procedures. Wash your hands with soap and warm water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer immediately after contact with wastewater, especially before preparing or eating food.

-Be sure to keep all children and pets away from any area affected by the wastewater spill.

-Keep a container or spray bottle outside residential entryways with a 90/10 solution (90% water to 10% household bleach) to clean shoes and other items that may have come into contact with wastewater.

-To view a safety tips flyer, please visit <http://bit.ly/2sUvr73>.

Precautionary Advisory for Water-Related Recreational Activities

-A precautionary advisory for recreational activities in local waterways remains in effect.

-The boundaries are Broward Boulevard to the north, Poinciana Drive to the east, SE 15 Street to the south, and SW 18 Avenue to the west. Water-related activities including swimming, fishing, jet-skiing, paddle-boarding, kayaking, and canoeing should be avoided within these boundaries.

-To view a map of the precautionary advisory for water-related recreational activities, please visit <http://bit.ly/35l0DuC>.

For More Information

Neighbors are encouraged to stay up to date by visiting the City's website at www.fortlauderdale.gov or following the City on social media at:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/CityofFortLauderdale/>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/FTLCityNews>

Nextdoor - <https://www.nextdoor.com>

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